

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Joe Balyeat, on April 26, 2011 at 11:30 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 33, 4/21/2011

Executive Action: HJ 33, Do Concur

00:00:31 Chairman Balyeat

HEARING ON HJ 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:30 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HJ 33. Interim study on state health insurance exchange.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:32 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield
00:06:09 Dennis Lopach, America's Health Insurance Plans
00:07:15 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:15 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office
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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:32 Sen. Vuckovich
00:17:51 Mr. Laslovich
00:18:19 Sen. Mowbray
00:19:33 Mr. Laslovich
00:20:18 Sen. Jackson
00:20:48 Mr. Laslovich
00:22:11 Chairman Balyeat
00:24:30 Mr. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:56 Rep. MacLaren
00:27:10 Chairman Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33

00:27:19 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HJ 33 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:27:30 Sen. Windy Boy
00:28:02 Sen. Mowbray
00:28:31 Sen. Tropila
00:29:15 Sen. Windy Boy

00:29:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

Closing Comments:

00:30:34 Chairman Balyeat
00:30:37 Rep. MacLaren
00:30:45 Sen. Windy Boy
00:31:05 Sen. Facey
00:31:31 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:04 PM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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